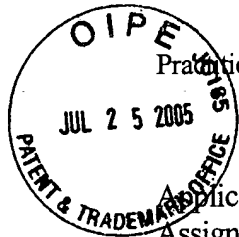


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 12, 2005, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement to election of invention for the above-referenced application, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention as in Group I, Claims 1-7 drawn to a method of improving a start up operation of a direct drive CCFL circuit, without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

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